

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently amended) A bone anchor insertion ~~device~~ system, comprising:
a handle including a proximal end and a distal end;
a hook-shaped shaft including a first end and a second end, the first end being connected to and substantially parallel to the distal end of the handle; ~~and~~
a bone anchor mount connected to the second end of the shaft; and
a bone anchor releasably engaged to the bone anchor mount and having a generally cone-shaped head including a wide end, a narrow end, and at least two cutting edges extending along the head that come together to form a pointed tip at the narrow end.

32. (Cancelled)

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34. (Currently amended) The ~~device~~ system according to claim ~~[[33]]~~ 31, wherein the bone anchor further comprises a collar member coupled to the head to secure the bone anchor in bone.

35. (Currently amended) The ~~device~~ system according to claim 34 wherein the collar member is rotatable relative to the head.

36. (Currently amended) The ~~device~~ system according to claim ~~[[33]]~~ 31, wherein the cutting edges are defined by at least one generally planar surface.

37. (Currently amended) The ~~device~~ system according to claim ~~[[33]]~~ 31, wherein the cutting edges are defined by at least one curved surface.

38. (Currently amended) The ~~device~~ system according to claim ~~[[33]]~~ 31, wherein the head comprises three cutting edges.
39. (Currently amended) The ~~device~~ system according to claim ~~[[33]]~~ 31, wherein the cutting edges comprise sharp edges.
40. (Currently amended) The ~~device~~ system according to claim ~~[[33]]~~ 31, wherein the bone anchor comprises titanium.
41. (Currently amended) The ~~device~~ system according to claim ~~[[33]]~~ 31, wherein the bone anchor further comprises a member coupled to the wide end of the head and defining an eyelet for receiving a suture.
42. (Currently amended) A bone anchor insertion ~~device~~ system, comprising:
a handle including a proximal end, a distal end, and a longitudinal axis;
a hook-shaped shaft including a first end and a second end, the first end being connected to the distal end of the handle; ~~and~~
a bone anchor mount including a longitudinal axis and connected to the second end of the shaft~~[[,]]~~ ; ~~and~~
a bone anchor releasably engaged to the bone anchor mount and having a generally cone-shaped head including a wide end, a narrow end, and at least two cutting edges extending along the head that come together to form a pointed tip at the narrow end,
wherein the longitudinal axis of the handle and the longitudinal axis of the bone anchor mount are substantially parallel.
43. (Currently amended) A bone anchor insertion ~~device~~ system, comprising:
a handle including a proximal end and a distal end;
a hook-shaped shaft including a first end, a second end, and a plurality of adjacent curved portions disposed between the first end and the second end, the first end being connected to the distal end of the handle; ~~and~~
a bone anchor mount connected to the second end of the shaft; and

a bone anchor releasably engaged to the bone anchor mount and having a generally cone-shaped head including a wide end, a narrow end, and at least two cutting edges extending along the head that come together to form a pointed tip at the narrow end.

44. (New) The system according to claim 42 wherein the bone anchor further comprises a collar member coupled to the head to secure the bone anchor in bone.
45. (New) The system according to claim 44 wherein the collar member is rotatable relative to the head.
46. (New) The system according to claim 42 wherein the cutting edges are defined by at least one generally planar surface.
47. (New) The system according to claim 42 wherein the cutting edges are defined by at least one curved surface.
48. (New) The system according to claim 42 wherein the head comprises three cutting edges.
49. (New) The system according to claim 42 wherein the cutting edges comprise sharp edges.
50. (New) The system according to claim 42 wherein the bone anchor comprises titanium.
51. (New) The system according to claim 42 wherein the bone anchor further comprises a member coupled to the wide end of the head and defining an eyelet for receiving a suture.
52. (New) The system according to claim 43 wherein the bone anchor further comprises a collar member coupled to the head to secure the bone anchor in bone.
53. (New) The system according to claim 52 wherein the collar member is rotatable relative to the head.

54. (New) The system according to claim 43 wherein the cutting edges are defined by at least one generally planar surface.
55. (New) The system according to claim 43 wherein the cutting edges are defined by at least one curved surface.
56. (New) The system according to claim 43 wherein the head comprises three cutting edges.
57. (New) The system according to claim 43 wherein the cutting edges comprise sharp edges.
58. (New) The system according to claim 43 wherein the bone anchor comprises titanium.
59. (New) The system according to claim 43 wherein the bone anchor further comprises a member coupled to the wide end of the head and defining an eyelet for receiving a suture.